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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Martin Kurth et al.  
Serial No. : 10/554,079  
Filing Date : October 21, 2005  
For : DEVICE FOR FASTENING AT  
LEAST ONE ELONGATE OBJECT  
TO A BASE  
Group Art Unit : 3679  
Examiner : Victor L. MacArthur  
Attorney Docket No. : 16-885P/US-5201

**Mail Stop Amendment - RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated August 21, 2009 and prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.